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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2003 in the above-captioned case. A restriction/election of invention is required by the Examiner.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group IV (claims 20-24 and 25-26), without traverse.

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